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Dear Mr. Mara:

Thank you for your letter of June 3, 2004 with regard to the proposed Loveland Miamiville area Wastewater Treatment Plant. I am pleased with your recognition that protection of the MGS wellfield and associated aquifer is a highly important element of this process. The County has placed a high priority on elimination of potential pollution sources which impact our drinking water source.

The County has conducted significant investigations including test holes in 1958 and 1987, boring log analysis, geophysical investigations by Layne-Northwest in 1975 and Preliminary Review and Evaluation of the Miami-Goshen-Stonelick Wellfield in 1991 by Bennett & Williams, Inc. The results of these investigations concluded that **the greatest potential contaminant threat to the aquifer supplying the MGS wellfield is individual onsite sewage disposal systems.** We believe that the provision of centralized sewers and elimination of the existing leaching well systems is of major importance to the long term viability of the Miamiville area.

In your letter you cite an excerpt from Dr. Preul's report claiming the "effluent discharge would flow into the Miamiville Creek (also known as "unnamed creek") and across the MGS well field". As explained in my letter of February 11, 2004 to Marie Brown (copy enclosed), this statement is not true. None of the six potential sites under consideration discharge within the one year time of travel zone or into a stream that crosses the MGS wellfield. Only one, the proposed Remington MHP site, discharges into the Little Miami River upstream from the MGS wellfield.

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Finally, I am distressed with your objections to the site selection process. It is apparent that there is a misunderstanding relative to BBS's role in this process. BBS will rate each site relative to compliance with the site selection criteria. The "weight" or relative importance of each of the selection criteria will be the cumulative result of the input of the workshop participants. The weighting will not be modified by BBS. Additionally, three of the six sites under consideration were actually recommended by Dr. Preul on behalf of the Miamiville Civic Association. The inclusion of these sites clearly indicates a willingness on the part of the County to listen and respond to the concerns of the residents of the area as we work toward a site recommendation.

Sincerely,



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Director of Utilities

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Enclosure

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